

JUDGE BARNETT WANTS STONEPILE

Hammond City Judge Believes a Workhouse Will Solve Weighty Problem for Lake Co. Cities

SUGGESTS HIS PLAN

Jurist Points Out Cost of Present System to Municipalities.

The city or county stone pile, preferably the latter, has found another earnest advocate in City Judge Fred Barnett of Hammond. His six weeks experience on the bench has already convinced the judge that this will ultimately be the only solution of the drunk and hobo problem which is growing apace with the growth of the region.

The idea of a work-house in Lake county is not new by any means, but the question of solving the problem does get more pertinent with each winter's season. Hammond and the cities of the Calumet region have sent hundreds of prisoners to the county jail for minor offenses whereas if they were compelled to work, the situation might be much different.

In an interview with Judge Barnett, he states the situation very clearly. Judge Barnett said:

JAIL A PARADISE.

"Since I have been city judge, I have given the matter of a work-house some study, and I believe it would be the solution of a good many of the problems."

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ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK CAR

An attempt was made last evening to wreck one of the cars of the Gary & Interurban railroad. Several ties and a telegraph pole were put on the track, and it is apparent that whoever perpetrated the outrage wanted to make sure of his work.

The obstructions were seen by the motorman of the car in time to prevent an accident. The railroad officials have reported the matter and an effort is being made to apprehend the would-be wreckers.

The officials of the company cannot understand why any one would attempt to wreck a car and endanger the lives of the passengers as a matter of revenge.

During the recent strike a number of the strikers threw stones through the car windows and threatened to wreck the cars, but it is not believed that they would still feel that way towards the company after the strike is ended.

The attempt to wreck the railroad caused considerable comment in Hammond, and it was the talk of the town among street railway employees. The motorman have been instructed to watch carefully for a repetition of the trick.

NEW CASES IN CIRCUIT COURT

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 16.—The following new cases were filed in the circuit court here yesterday:

Leonard A. Van Deusen vs. Slogam Ostreich et al. Foreclosure of mechanics' lien.

James Brooks Johnson vs. Abner F. Young et al. Partition of real estate.

Mrs. Justina Ughy vs. Cain Construction company. Personal injury.

John Guxlek vs. Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad company. Personal injury.

John Oeszwski vs. Gary & Interurban Railroad company. Personal injury.

Marce Minch vs. Republic Iron and Steel company. Personal injury.

Joseph Silski vs. George V. Bacon. Specific performance.

Eliza B. Sherman vs. Wesley Griesel. Civil.

Frank C. Lake vs. Willis M.D. Hurford et al. Quiet title.

Hammond Judge Has Worthy Plan



JUDGE FRED BARNETT

How Was This for Short and Sweet?

Last night's council meeting was something like a high school girl, 4 feet 8 inches high, short and sweet.

This was the schedule.

8:05—Reading of minutes and approval of same.

8:10—First reading of ordinance providing for acceptance of dedicated property in Hink's addition for the opening of Waltham street.

8:12—Reading of contract ratifying purchase of sewer pump from American Well works for \$1,098; rules suspended and contract accepted.

8:13—Adjournment.

A record-breaking meeting for brevity was held by the city council last night.

In the absence of Mayor Becker, Councilman John Kane presided.

The strip of land dedicated by Gostlin, Meyn & Co. in Hink's addition, is sixty-six feet wide and is needed in the extension of Waltham street.

The sewer pump for which the contract was closed last night is to be placed at the Hohman street bridge.

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FRED CARTER SELLS OUT HIS INTEREST

Fred Carter has sold out his interest in the firm of Carter & Wells, local liverymen, to Mr. Birch Wells, and will devote himself exclusively to the sale of automobiles.

This news will come as a surprise to Fred's many friends in Hammond, who have known him as a liveryman ever since he has been in this city, except when he served two years as sheriff of the county.

Mr. Carter has the local agency for the E. M. & F. and Flanders cars, and has been doing splendidly. He is convinced that there is a future in Hammond in the sale of good, cheap priced cars.

The firm name will be retained by the new owner and he expects to give his patrons the same courteous and liberal treatment that they have received in the past.

WILL START ANOTHER NEWSPAPER

Lake County Democrat Will Probably Suspend Publication, But Certain Fearless Stockholders Will Start Another Paper.

The jury of stockholders of the Lake County Democrat, who have been wrangling for the past three weeks over the policy of the paper in the sensational "democratic expose," have agreed to disagree, and it now seems possible that the weekly will discontinue publication. It is understood that the faction which has waged ceaseless war on what they believe is a tainted brand of democracy will publish another paper in its stead and continue with the expose to appease the hunger of those who have been craving for the inside facts of the demorepublican combination in Lake county.

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GARY GETS AN ADVERSE DECISION

City Is Permanently Enjoined From Condemning Certain Land in Miller for Park Purposes; Injunction by Circuit Court.

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Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 16.—The city of Gary has been permanently enjoined from condemning certain land in Miller for park purposes. The injunction was issued in the Lake circuit court last Monday by Special Judge H. S. Barr. The temporary injunction was issued by Judge Willis C. McMahon of the same court.

The contention of Attorneys Crumpacker & Crumpacker was that the city of Gary could not condemn land within the corporate limits of another town or city for park or any other purposes.

What the Law Is.

There is a law to the effect that a city may condemn land within five miles of its corporate limits for park purposes, and it is understood that Mayor Knotts was advised that Gary could condemn this property.

The action to condemn was begun in September, just prior to the municipal election in Gary, and it was not long before the city found that it had made the move prematurely, and that the annexation of Miller would be necessary before the land could be condemned.

Settles It for Time Being.

The action of the court in Crown Point settles the matter of the condemnation of this property for an indefinite period of time. In fact, the whole matter hinges on the decision of the court in the case of the Miller remonstrance, which will soon be taken up.

If the Miller annexation is knocked out the city of Gary will have to look elsewhere for a location for a Lake Front park.

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